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REF: A) JOHANNESBURG 1360, B) PRETORIA 1265, C) PRETORIA 3587

- 1. POST WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE EARLIEST REPLY TO REFTELS. REFTELS (FROM CONGEN, EMBASSY, AND INSPECTORS) ALL URGE ACQUISITION OF AT LEAST 1500 ADDITIONAL SQUARE FEET OF OFFICE SPACE FOR POST'S PREMISES ON SAME FLOOR OF BUILDING OCCUPIED.
- 2. THE 1500 SQUARE FEET NEEDED MOST (BECAUSE IT IS CONTIGUOUS TO POST'S CONSULAR SECTION) ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY FIVE EMPLOYEES OF PRIVATE LAWYER. WHO HAS NOTIFIED POST HE PLANS TO VACATE ON AUGUST 1 AND MOVE TO ANOTHER FLOOR OF SAME BUILDING. POST MUST MOVE QUICKLY TO NEGOTIATE LEASE OF HIS SPACE, SINCE ONLY ONE MONTH REMAINS. LAWYER AND BUILDING OWNERS HAVE BEEN VERY ACCOMMODATING AND BELIEVE COSTS WILL NOT EXCEED THOSE OUTLINED REFTEL (A) PARA 5.
- 3. REGARDING SECOND AND ONLY REMAINING PRIVATE SUITE LEFT ON FLOOR (1000 SQUARE FEET OCCUPIED BY FOUR EMPLOYEES OF TRADE BILL COMPANY), THIS SPACE IS OF LESSER IMPORTANCE TO POST AND MAY WELL INTEREST INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE OFFICE IN JOHANNESBURG. LOCAL DIRECTOR REPORTS HE COULD PROBABLY SQUEEZE INTO SUITE. IF HIS AGENCY WERE TO APPROVE HIS MOVING THERE, ENTIRE FLOOR WOULD THEN BE OCCUPIED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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USG, ENABLING GREAT IMPROVEMENT OF CURRENT SECURITY PROVISIONS. TENANTS OF SPACE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE ON AUGUST 1, COST OF REMOVAL \$400.

4. EARLIEST REPLY REQUESTED. JOHNSON

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